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THE TYRANNY OF LABOR.

The day-laborer in this country has come to hold a place only a little below that of a tyrant. Food stuffs are so cheap that the wages for a day's labor will purchase a week's provisions; and in many cases the laborer is not slow to take advantage of the situation. There is no class of people on earth to-day that has such absolute control of the environments that give them bread as the day laborer in the South. This is especially the case with laborers who have no family and loiter around towns and villages waiting for a chance to make a week's living in a day. He who desires to hire one such laborer for a day may set it down that he must pay double price for him and be very polite to him or he can't get him at that.

The ordinary laborer will ask you fifty to sixty cents a day for his time, and if it is a special job such as he can make a twist on you, you will be fortunate if you get him for less than a dollar. He can take his fifty or sixty cents and buy provisions enough to run him a week and then for five days he will loiter around, talk big and make himself important generally. With corn at 40 cents a bushel and meat four cents a pound, potatoes fifty cents a barrel and vegetables begging purchasers, the day laborer or the laborer paid by the week or month, has an advantage that he has never had before.

There has long been a cry about the tyranny of capital, but conditions have changed. The laborer holds the mastery now, and he is not slow to use it. Such a state of affairs is truly demoralizing to all. The laborer who can live a week on a day's labor has no cause to bestir himself to anything like even healthful activity to labor, and the employer finds that all the profits of the enterprise for which he employs labor are lost in the excessive discrepancy between the price he pays his laborers and the returns he gets from his business.

Whatever will bring about a different state of affairs that will put activity in the employees and hope in the employer, will be a great blessing to the country. Whatever that condition, let it come. Whatever will hasten it on, let us have it.

IS IT A PANIC?

For some time there have been serious fears entertained that the many complications of the financial situation, together with the fact that it is a great election year, would bring about a money panic. And there are sure signs that it will come, if it is not already upon us.

View the situation as we may, we might as well see the facts as they are first as last—the very great uncertainty that attaches to the money interests of the country can not fail to produce a panic of some duration.

It is to be hoped that it will be of short duration, but times will, without a doubt, be a little hard for some time to come. THE COMMONWEALTH seldom complains at what can not be helped, and we do not refer to the matter now in the spirit of complaining; but we think it proper that we view the situation as it is, and prepare as best we can for what may come.

It is already the policy of the banks of the country not to lend money. Some of them have it to lend and some have not. Those that have not the money of course can't lend; and those that have it deem it wise to be cautious for at least a few months until the money question becomes better settled. And it follows most logically that when the banks shut down and refuse to let out their money the masses will have less opportunity of getting it. Closing it in the banks cuts off circulation and this produces tight times.

But let us hold on tenaciously, and when the panic is past we shall be the better prepared to move out on lines of broader adventure as a people.

We preach a hopeful gospel because we are hopeful.

CHAIRMAN MANLY.

At the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee in Raleigh last week, Mr. Clement Manly of Winston was elected chairman to succeed chairman Pou.

Mr. Manly is a good Democrat, has ability and, so far as we know, his election as chairman gives general satisfaction.

PRESIDENT ALDERMAN.

The trustees of the State University at Chapel Hill at a meeting in Raleigh last Saturday elected Prof. E. A. Alderman president of the University to succeed Dr. Winston. Prof. Alderman has been connected with the University for several years, knows well its interests, is a man of marked ability, and his election gives entire satisfaction to the friends of the institution. The trustees honored themselves in honoring North Carolina by electing one of her ablest sons to preside over one of her great institutions.

THOMAS E. WATSON.

Thomas E. Watson, of this place, was born in Columbia county, Ga., Sept. 6, 1856. He received a common school education and was then sent to Mercer university at Macon. At the end of the sophomore year he left college for lack of funds and taught school two years. He read law for a few weeks under Judge W. R. McLaws, of Augusta, Ga., and was admitted to the bar, commencing the practice of the profession here in November, 1876.

Mr. Watson was a member of the Georgia legislature in 1882 and 1883; was a Democratic elector for the state at large in 1888, and besides the practice of law has been and still is largely interested in carding. He was elected to the Fifty-second congress as a Democrat.

Mr. Watson served but one term in congress, being succeeded in the Fifty-third by James C. C. Black, who was elected as a Democrat, receiving 17,772 against 12,333 votes received by Mr. Watson, who ran as the candidate of the People's party. Mr. Watson also ran as a Populist candidate for the Fifty-fourth congress from the same district, but was again defeated by Mr. Black.—Thomson (Ga.) Correspondence.

MR. BRYAN'S WORLDLY STORE.

Lincoln (Neb.) Dispatch.

Mr. Bryan has always posed not only as the poor man's friend, but as a poor man himself. An examination of the records in the office of the county treasurer discloses the fact that the silver candidate for President pays real estate taxes to the amount of \$2.90.

The only piece of real estate that stands in his name in this county is a two-and-a-half-acre tract of unoccupied land about three miles from the center of this city. It was purchased during the boom days, when land ten miles out was regarded as available for town lots. The value of the land is given at \$70. Mr. Bryan's personal property was assessed at \$340 in 1895; the tax was \$11.03, and was promptly paid.

The tax schedule for that year made out and signed by him is an interesting document. He confesses to the possession of one horse, valued at \$10; four watches and clocks, \$20; money, \$20; household goods, \$150; and stock in corporations, \$1,000.

Opposite the words "gold and silver plate" Mr. Bryan wrote \$10 and then erased the figures. He wrote \$50 opposite "jewelry and diamonds" and made a second erasure. He returned two carriages, and then on second thought said he did not own any carriage.

The tax schedule for the current year has just reached the treasurer's office. His household goods are reduced \$150 to \$80, and he admits owning gold and silver plate to the value of \$5 and diamonds and jewelry to the value of \$20. He has also \$100 in money. His father-in-law, Mr. Baird, who owns the house in which Mr. Bryan lives, has considerable property in this county.

The August number of The Arena contains an admirably written paper by G. S. Crawford, entitled "Club Life versus Home Life." In these days when the club reigns supreme in some form or other, this paper will be sure to attract general attention, and while Mr. Crawford discusses his subject in a perfectly fair and impartial manner, weighing the pros and cons, pointing out the advantages and disadvantages of the club, we think that many, especially amongst the members of the numerous Women's clubs, will take exception to some of his remarks.

ALL THE PEOPLE

Should keep themselves healthy and special care should be given to this matter at this time. Health depends upon pure, rich blood, for when the blood is impure and impoverished diseases of various kinds are almost certain to result. The one true blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. By its power to purify and vitalize the blood it has proved itself to be the safeguard of health, and the record of remarkable cures effected proves that it has wonderful power over disease. It actually and permanently cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever.

DEMOCRATS PROPOSE TO THE POPULISTS.

The Democratic State Executive Committee held a meeting in Raleigh Thursday night of last week, which lasted until 2 o'clock. They passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, both the Democratic and Populist parties, in their National conventions, have nominated William J. Bryan for the Presidency; and

"Whereas an electoral ticket for Bryan and Sewall, and another for Bryan and Watson will endanger the election of McKinley obtaining the electoral vote of North Carolina.

"Now, therefore, to the end that all persons favoring the election of Mr. Bryan may have their votes counted in the Electoral College for him:

"Resolved, That the Democratic party hereby offers to the Populist party a fair and just division of the Bryan electors, and that the chairman of the Committee is authorized to confer with the chairman of the Executive committee of the People's party, looking to a union of the two parties upon one electoral ticket, and report to this committee as early as practicable."

PUBLIC OPINION.

THE COMMONWEALTH has gathered the opinion of quite a number of persons on the committee, and it is generally approved by Democrats though some are opposed to it.

We have space for only a few interviews.

Mr. M. Hoffman, one of the leading merchants of the county, says:

"I approve of the action of the committee, regarding it the best that could be done under the circumstances. I regard the interest of the State, however, of more importance than any other now; and the proposition of the committee is perhaps a step towards saving the State from Russell and his crowd."

Mr. W. A. Dunn, a member of the Executive committee, but who was not present at the meeting of the committee, says:

"Although a member of the State Executive Committee, circumstances prevented my being present on the 30th. I endorse the action of the Committee in offering to divide the Electoral vote with the Populists. Any other course would have been destructive to the cause of free coinage. It is right, it is wise, it is just, it is politic to unite all men in this contest who think alike against gold monometallism. So far as I have heard opinions expressed the Committee is heartily endorsed."

Mr. Claude Kitchin, one of the leading young attorneys of the county, says:

"I believe in the silver plank of the Chicago platform. I believe in the ticket of the Chicago convention. Sewall was as much our nominee as Bryan. If there be any fusion of course it should be 'fair and just'. But what is a fair and just division, is a question. Has the committee a right to say what is fair and just and bind the Democratic voters to it? I think not. Electoral fusion is impracticable without State fusion and State fusion impracticable without county fusion. The Committee has no authority to make terms of State fusion and I do not think will assume any such. This can only be done by the Democratic State Convention. I do not believe the Convention would go for fusion. As for myself individually I do not like the idea of 47,000 votes dictating to 127,000. If there is any 'mixing' in State matters I prefer to do the 'mixing' myself when the time comes to do the swallowing."

Mr. A. McDowell, president of the Scotland Neck Bank says:

"I heartily endorse the action of the Committee. I regard the silver interest paramount to all others now."

RINGWOOD NOTES.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

RINGWOOD, N. C., Aug. 3, '96.

Hot and dry and rain is needed very much. The farmers are busy curing tobacco and some are making fine cures.

Miss Sallie Perry of Littleton who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. D. Johnson, has returned home.

Miss Della Weller has returned home after several days visit to relatives in Weldon.

Rev. Mr. Phillips preached two very interesting sermons in the Episcopal church Sunday.

Miss Viola Davis of Arcola is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. V. Bobbitt. Misses Daise and Urtie Harrison are visiting the family Mr. L. Vinson.

Miss Annie Garrette of Weldon is visiting friends and relatives here.

The Ringwood Temperance Society was organized here last Monday night, with thirty-five members. The following officers were elected: President, M. E. Cousins; Vice-President, Y. A. Spivey; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Matthews; Treasurer, T. G. Robertson; Executive Committee, L. Vinson, Miss Irene Threewits, H. C. Matthews, Miss Lula Spruill, Miss Sallie Jones, Jno. T. Bishop, Dr. G. E. Matthews was present and made an excellent temperance speech.

A few Populists assembled here Saturday and listened to a speech from Mr. Jasper Shearin. Delegates were appointed to Halifax. They were generally middle of the road Pops and want no fusion.

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